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(54) METHODS OF OBTAINING A MIXED POPULATION OF HUMAN XCR1+ AND PLASMACYTOID DENDRITIC CELLS FROM HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELLS

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(57)ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to methods of obtaining a mixed population of human XCR1+ and plasmacytoid dendritic cells from hematopoietic stem cells. Human DC subsets are rare in blood and other tissues, difficult and expensive to isolate, and fragile. Hence, to advance on deciphering their functions and their molecular regulation, there is a strong need for relevant in vitro models. The inventors developed a new protocol allowing simultaneous generation of the various human DC subsets in vitro from hematopoietic progenitors. In particular, the present invention relates to a method of obtaining a mixed population of human XCR1+ and plasmacytoid dendritic cells said method comprising the steps of i) culturing a population of hematopoietic stem cells (HSC) or committed hematopoietic precursor cells in the presence of a Notch ligand, and thereafter, ii) isolating human XCR1+ and plasmacytoid dendritic cells from the culture.

